

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A system that prevents fragments of a disc from escaping from a drive, the system comprising:

a drive including an opening in a front side of the drive through which a tray for receiving a disc is displaceable;

a cover to cover the opening when the tray is within the drive; and

a fragment barricade affixed within the drive, the fragment barricade being in addition to the cover,

wherein the fragment barricade is positioned within the drive so as to prevent fragments of a disc from escaping from the front side of the drive including the opening and the cover.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade is fixedly mounted within the drive, the fragment barrier being rectangular in shape and positioned between the disc and a closure member to the opening.

3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the drive includes a top enclosure and the fragment barricade is rectangular in plan and mounted within the top enclosure.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the drive is a ~~CD-ROM~~ an optical drive.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade is formed from a metal.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade is formed from a hard material.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade is formed from a flexible material.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade includes a rectangular member operatively positioned along the front side of the drive proximate the opening.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade includes an attachment element.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously Presented) A method of preventing fragments of a disc from escaping from a drive, the method comprising:

providing a drive including an opening in a front side of the drive through which a tray for receiving a disc is displaceable;

providing a cover to cover the opening when the tray is within the drive;

providing a fragment barricade in addition to the cover; and

affixing the fragment barricade within the drive,

wherein the fragment barricade is positioned within the drive so as to prevent fragments of a disc from escaping from the front side of the drive including the opening and the cover.

12. (Previously Presented) A system that prevents fragments of a disc from escaping from a drive, the system comprising:

a drive housing including an opening through which a tray for receiving a disc is displaceable; a cover to cover the opening when the tray is within the drive housing;

a fragment barricade affixed within the drive housing, the fragment barricade being in addition to the cover,

wherein the fragment barricade is positioned within the drive housing proximate the opening so as to prevent fragments of a disc from escaping from the opening to the drive housing and the cover.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12 wherein the fragment barricade is fixedly mounted within the drive housing and positioned between the disc and a closure member to the opening.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12 wherein the opening is provided in a front side of the housing and the fragment barricade extends beyond a periphery of the opening to prevent fragments from escaping the front side of the housing.